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and nitrogen oxides containing sulfur and oxygen

containing gases.

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STATUS LETTER

Sir:

The records of the undersigned indicated that the above identified application should have been taken up for action by the Patent Office. No action, however, has as yet been received, so that the Patent Office's advice as to the status of the application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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